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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT:

Offshore Island Situation

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Nationalist aircraft on 17 March reportedly sank one small gunboat and damaged seven others in an attack on a Chinese Communist fleet of some 200 small craft north of the Matsus. There has been no confirmation of this report.

Quemoy

Little Quemoy on 17 March was reportedly hit by 14 rounds of Communist shellfire.

Weather

Weather forecast for next 48 hours is cloudy with drizzle and fog. Visability 1 to 2 miles; winds northeasterly at 30 to 40 knots; seas very rough to high.

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